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SUBJECT:GAO REPORT ON F-16

REF: A) BRUSSELS 3191; B) COPENHAGEN 1157; C) OSLO 839(NOTAL)

- 1. GAO PLANS TO ISSUE A FINAL REPORT ENTITLED "AIR FORCE'S F-16 AIRCRAFT PROGRAM ITS STATUS AND CONCERNS" ON OR ABOUT MARCH 24.
- 2. WE EXPECT TO OBTAIN A GAO DIGEST IN ADVANCE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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3. GAO WILL RELEASE SEVERAL COPIES OF THE FINAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO DOD SEVEN TO TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE

OF THE PUBLIC RELEASE DATE. COPIES WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TO ADDRESSEES, AGAIN WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE REPORT NOT REPEAT NOT BE RELEASED TO HOST GOVERNMENT. GAO'S PUBLIC RELEASE DATE WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS DEFINITELY KNOWN. AT THAT TIME, GAO WILL AUTHORIZE RELEASE TO HOST GOVERNMENT ON "A SAME-DAY AS RELEASED IN WASHINGTON" BASIS. VANCE

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